

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A method for data transmission between a parcel compartment system and at least one ~~central remote~~ data processing unit for operating at least one parcel compartment ~~system systems~~ having a communications device, the method comprising the steps of collecting events at a parcel compartment system by the communication device, whereby the events at the parcel compartment system comprise depositing and/or picking-up shipments and/or the expiration of time intervals, the communication device associating function messages with the events, combining the function messages into one single request and transmitting the request to the ~~remote~~ data processing unit, whereby each request is provided with an unambiguous RequestID, the ~~remote~~ data processing unit executing [[the]]functions corresponding to the events-function messages depending on the transportation or delivery company or user affected by the event and, if applicable, sending data back to the communication device.

Claims 13-15 (Cancelled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim[[4]]12, comprising ~~the sending component~~ the communications device sending the RequestID with the request to the ~~receiving component~~ remote data processing unit, and sending the response to the ~~appertaining~~ request back with this RequestID.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 12, comprising ~~the receiving component~~ the remote data processing unit confirming each function message with a status code that indicates the success or failure of the function message.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 17, comprising ~~the sending component~~ the communications device repeating the function message if the ~~receiving component~~ remote data processing unit has not sent back a status code within a certain period of time.